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EPIDEMIC INFLUENZA.

PREVALENCE IN THE UNITED STATES.

The prevalence of influenza as reported to the bureau may be found under the heading "Current State Summaries," page 11 of this issue of the Public Health Reports. These reports are furnished by State health officers and are for the week ended December 28, 1918.

As compared with the preceding week, the number of cases of influenza reported had decreased in Alabama, California, Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Michigan, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Virginia, and Washington.

Slight increases in the number of cases reported are shown in Maine and Vermont. In New York the disease is said to be still prevalent throughout the State, and considerable recrudescence is reported from Utah, but the type of the disease is said to be less severe than during the height of the epidemic.

The following table shows the number of cases of influenza reported in the zones surrounding military camps in the United States from September 15 to December 28, 1918, inclusive. The cases reported from September 15 to October 26, 1918, are shown by weeks in the Public Health Reports, volume 33, No. 49, December 6, 1918, pages 2153-2154.

Cases of influenza reported in extra-cantonment zones.

State and zone.	Cases reported to Oct. 26, 1918.	Cases reported week ended—									
		Nov. 2.	Nov. 9.	Nov. 16.	Nov. 23.	Nov. 30.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 14.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 28.	
Massachusetts:											
Devens.....	175	13	11	24	6	0	11	56	118	120	
Connecticut:											
New London sanitary district.....	3,139	114	77	66	73	94	74	35	122	
New Jersey:											
Dix.....	217	57	89	2	0	4	0	0	3	17	
Merrit.....					12	25	15	33	22	67	
Ohio:											
Sherman.....	2,042	69	26	38	54	58	52	128	28	
Iowa:											
Dodge.....	1,776	126	208	40	519	934	2,949	827	48	16	
Kansas:											
Funston.....	814	173	75	94	79	235	441	357	183	46	
Leavenworth.....	461	143	95	118	162	400	353	238	101	75	
Virginia:											
Humphreys.....	930	72	21	0	6	19	7	26	31	47	
Lee.....	7,515	305	79	0	2	7	434	529	475	280	
Portsmouth and Norfolk County health district.....	11,304	145	8	7	9	0	131	937	352	4	
Tidewater health district.....	3,847	804	2	0	2	0	2	256	618	52	
North Carolina:											
Fayetteville sanitary district.....							24	80	70	19	
Greene.....	2,061	61	49	52	100	173	573	347	100	33	
Polk.....			284	262	314	294	459	524	316	247	
Wilmington sanitary district.....				0	0	0	3	1	39	66	

Cases of influenza reported in extra-cantonment zones—Continued.

State and zone.	Cases reported to Oct. 26, 1918.	Cases reported week ended—									
		Nov. 2.	Nov. 9.	Nov. 16.	Nov. 23.	Nov. 30.	Dec. 7.	Dec. 14.	Dec. 21.	Dec. 28.	
South Carolina:											
Charleston sanitary district.....		208	172	70	78	175	75	385	85	179	
Jackson.....	7,656	87	6	13	53	35	42	300	102	24	
Sevier.....	3,316	166	3	4	278	117	237	242	214	120	
Wadsworth.....	1,172	234	49	112	144	126	285	304	113	32	
Georgia:											
Gas and Flame School.....	3,506	531	260	233	85	93	184	818	270	88	
Gordon.....	3,149	372	134	124	172	141	122	282	257	56	
Hancock.....	966	281	153	259	290	33	31	61	29	18	
Picric acid plant.....	743	42	41	14	16	14	40	111	94	28	
Wheeler.....	1,900	522	253	257	671	523	529	218	61	27	
Florida:											
Johnston.....	5,436	233	10	0	3	8	10	41	19	25	
Kentucky and Indiana:											
Taylor.....	9,857	1,146	513	454	837	635	1,485	1,520	706	319	
Georgia and Tennessee:											
Oglethorpe.....	3,644	73	26	11	2	38	24	12	138	47	
Alabama:											
McClellan.....	1,586	232	38	229	105	90	124	148	47	15	
Sheridan.....	560	55	1	32	80	99	354	306	84	39	
Mississippi:											
Gulfport health district.....	4,678	753	388	227	113	206	221	270	332	265	
Shelby.....	891	107	50	6	179	35	90	335	195	
Arkansas:											
Eberts.....	1,662	219	44	118	33	75	154	137	134	51	
Pike.....	9,406	324	94	76	95	209	568	249	174	82	
Louisiana:											
Beauregard.....	3,445	253	78	33	8	5	69	253	166	117	
Gerstner Field.....		360	186	174	177	309	917	420	167	63	
Oklahoma:											
Doniphan.....	296	12	4	5	2	8	16	236	49	41	
Texas:											
Bowie.....	1,313	68	32	38	14	36	209	288	57	22	
Logan.....	468	341	1	0	0	26	79	0	10	
MacArthur.....	1,065	233	75	10	5	12	32	42	28	26	
Travis.....	5,781	844	385	124	149	254	1,206	1,264	444	85	
Washington:											
Bremerton.....	533	77	82	46	47	60	0	385	256	9	
Lewis.....	135	72	44	32	12	7	30	12	20	22	
Vancouver.....	642	156	183	47	120	154	249	329	0	0	

REPORT OF ANTIVENEREAL CAMPAIGN.

An important health activity is being carried on under the so-called Chamberlain-Kahn Act, which provides for a system of Federal aid for antivenereal work in States meeting certain conditions. All the States in the Union have complied with its provisions by passing the necessary laws except Idaho, Michigan, Missouri, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Utah, and the District of Columbia. Several of these States have signified their intention of cooperation in the near future.

In conjunction with State boards of health, the Division of Venereal Disease, United States Public Health Service, created by this act, is conducting approximately 125 clinics. The reports from the clinics show increase in number of cases treated and in interest each month, so that additional clinics and facilities are needed. When any clinic proves the advantage of a certain plan of procedure, a note concerning such plan is passed on to other clinics for trial and suggestions. In conjunction with the Red Cross in extra-cantonment zones, the division is now conducting 25 clinics. Social service and follow-up